

How to Pray:

Romans 8:26,27

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Psalms 145:18

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Matthew 6:5-7

5" And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

6But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

7And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

Matthew 21:22

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Acts 4:24-30

24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God.

"Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

25You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

26The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. [1]' [2]

27Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people [3] of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.

28They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

29Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

30Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

1.26 That is, Christ or Messiah

2.26 Psalm 2:1,2

3.27 The Greek is plural.

John 17

- 1After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.
- 2For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.
- 3Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
- 4I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.
- 5And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.
- 6"I have revealed you [1] to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.
- 7Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.
- 8For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.
- 9I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.
- 10All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.
- 11I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.
- 12While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.
- 13"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.
- 14I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.
- 15My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.
- 16They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.
- 17Sanctify [2] them by the truth; your word is truth.
- 18As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.
- 19For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.
- 20"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,
- 21that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
- 22I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:
- 23I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.
- 24"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.
- 25"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.
- 26I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

2.17 Greek *hagiazō* (set apart for sacred use or make holy); also in verse 19

Matthew 6:6

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Luke 11:9-13

9"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

10For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

11"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for [1] a fish, will give him a snake instead?

12Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

13If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

1.11 Some manuscripts for bread, will give him a stone; or if he asks for

John 14:13,14

13And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.

14You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 15:7

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

James 4:2-3

2You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.

3When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Matthew 21:22 (see above)

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

I John 5:14-15

14This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

15And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.